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Dear Whitney:

Many thanks for your letter of 11 April concerning the invitation that I received to address the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Bar Association on 10 November.

As I told Mr. Roderick Beddow, Co-Chairman of the Meeting, I will be unable to participate in it. In view of my official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools except on a rare occasion when I make an outside address. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

I very much appreciate your interest in having me speak at this Meeting and I regret that my reply was not more favorable.

With my best wishes,

Respectfully,  
John Edgar Hoover

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Director

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April 11, 1961.

Dear Allen:

Upon arriving in San Francisco today from Hawaii I found a letter dated April 4, 1961, from the Co-Chairman of the coming Southeast Regional Meeting which is to be held in Birmingham early in November and which you have been asked to address. I know the many demands on your time and how strictly you must have to limit your speaking engagements. However, I feel that it is peculiarly important for the lawyers to have an up-to-date sense of the scope of the threat with which you are dealing and in connection with which the Bar would like to help. Therefore, if you can possibly squeeze it in, I do believe it would be valuable for you to go to Birmingham.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Whitney North Seymour*  
President.

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